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The reply brief filed 5/24/07 has been entered and considered. The application has been forwarded to the Board of Patent Appeals and Interferences for decision on the appeal.

Responsive to the reply brief filed on 4/6/07 and 5/24/07, a supplemental Examiner's Answer is set forth below:

At the bottom of pg. 8 appellant argues that the examiner made conclusions that the prior art is capable of performing the claimed invention without providing supporting facts and in the middle of pg. 9 and 13 appellant argues examiners reliance on inherency.

In response, attached is "The First Instrumented Bowling Ball" located at <http://www2.ntu.edu.sg/ResearchPaper/ODR/2006/GResearchArticleBOWLING1.pdf>, which shows in fig. 3 the inherent forces on the thumb, middle finger and ring finger that are produced in bowling. Vector forces are shown in fig. 9. This article is clear extrinsic evidence of the forces that are naturally placed upon the fingers an any device use thereon while delivering a bowling ball. While the article was published in March of 2006 (as mentioned in the attached email by the author Dr. Fuss), it only measure forces that are naturally occurring in bowling long before the claimed invention before the Board.

Appellant may file another reply brief in compliance with 37 CFR 41.41 within two months of the date of mailing of this supplemental examiner's answer. Extensions of time under 37 CFR 1.136(a) are not applicable to this two month time period. See 37 CFR 41.43(b)-(c).

A Technology Center Director or designee has approved this supplemental examiner's answer by signing below:



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**EXAMINER'S ANSWER TO REPLY BRIEF**

This is in response to the reply brief filed 4/6/07 and 5/24/07 appealing from the Office action mailed 3/14/07.

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No decision rendered by a court or the Board is identified by the examiner in the Related Appeals and Interferences section of this examiner's answer.



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In appellant's reply he states that there is no extrinsic evidence upon which the examiner can rely upon to support his position of inherency. In making this statement appellant is asking the Board to ignore the known physical forces that would be incurred in the rolling of a bowing ball. Two articles are included in this response in order to make these forces explicit to the Board. The first article "The First Instrumented Bowling Ball" (published March 2006 and dated by electronic communications with the author) located at

<http://www2.ntu.edu.sg/ResearchPaper/ODR/2006/GResearchArticleBOWLING1.pdf>

The second article A Biomechanical Analysis Of Bowling's 5-Step Approach explicitly break down the movements and teaches lifting with the fingers in the Follow Through Phase found at <http://webpages.charter.net/bowlfit/articles/ba.pdf>

The remaining comments in the reply brief are noted with no reply deemed necessary.

Respectfully submitted,



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